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1. REFTELS REPORTED FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN'S
PLANNED VISIT TO SPAIKN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HIS IS
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THE FIRST VISIT BY A SCANDINAVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO
SPAIN SINCE THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR.

2. ANDERSEN DEPARTED MAY 16 ON THE FOUR-DAY TRIP
AND IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE MFA'S POLITICAL DIRECTOR
AMBASSADOR OLE BIERRING AND HIS COUNTERPART ON THE
MINISTRY'S ECONOMIC SIDE, OTTO MOLLER. BEFORE HIS

DEPARTURE, ANDERSEN SPOKE TO THE DANISH PRESS AND CHARACTERIZED DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN SPAIN AS HAVING "EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS." ANDERSEN SAID THAT IT WAS CONSEQUENTLY "NO COINCIDENCE" THAT HIS VISIT TAKES PLACE SHORTLY BEFORE THE JUNE 15 ELECTIONS.

3. THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS REPORTEDLY CONCURRED IN ANDERSEN'S MEETING WITH THE LEADER OF THE SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY, FELIPE GONZALEZ. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS REGARD THE PSOE AS THEIR SISTER PARTY IN SPAIN.

4. ANDERSEN SAID THAT SINCE THERE WERE NO SPECIAL DANISH-SPANISH PROBLEMS TO DISCUSS, HE WILL PURSUE SPAIN'S RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPE IN GENERAL. ANDERSEN REITERATED THE STANDARD DANISH POSITION THAT SPAIN BELONGS IN THE EC WHEN DEMOCRACY IS "FULLY ESTABLISHED." BUT HE IS QUOTED AS EXPECTING A "FAMILY LONG" TRANSITION PERIOD BEFORE FULL MEMBERSHIP CAN BE OBTAINED. IN A CONVERSATION LAST WEEK WITH THE AMBASSADOR, ANDERSEN ALSO POINTED TO THE NEED TO EDUCATE SCANDINAVIAN PUBLIC OPINION TO THE DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS THE SPANIARDS HAVE ACHIEVED.)

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NO MENTION WAS MADE OF NATO, WE BELIEVE THAT BARRING UNEXPECTED IMPEDIMENTS IN THE SPANISH DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS, THE DANES WILL ACCEPT SPAIN'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC, AT LEAST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN PRINCIPLE, AND IN NATO AS SOON AS THE SPANIARDS THEMSELVES HAVE DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH SEEKING MEMBERSHIP IN BOTH ORGANIZATIONS.
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